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For: **ENDOGENOUS RETROVIRUSES UP-REGULATED IN PROSTATE CANCER**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before examining the application referenced above. We believe no fee is due in connection with this filing. If a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Appendix 1 is a copy of the amended paragraphs and claims, with markings to show changes made.

IN THE CLAIMS

4. (Amended) The method of any preceding claim, wherein the expression product is a RNA having the following formula: N₁-N₂-N₃-N₄-N₅-polyA, wherein: N₁ has at least x% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:155; N₂ has at least x% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:156; N₃ has at least x% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:6; N₄ comprises any RNA sequence; N₅ has at least